

and is the only school in Pinellas County that teaches two foreign languages (Greek and Spanish) daily to all K–8 students.

As a father of four boys, all of whom attended public schools, I am very familiar with the link between a robust public education system and our nation's vitality. Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Mr. Poumakis is a valuable community partner and stands as an example of main street solutions to main street challenges. Through the entrepreneurial approach which brought him personal success in the past, Mr. Poumakis managed to build an academy which will contribute to the success of countless lives in Florida's Twelfth Congressional District for years to come.

I commend the Federation of Hellenic American Educators and the Greek Teacher Association of Florida for recognizing the contributions of Mr. Poumakis, and I hope every American can learn from and emulate the commitment of this Greek entrepreneur to education.

#### KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kutztown University on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. Throughout the past year, Kutztown has celebrated its sesquicentennial, culminating with Founders' Day on 15 September 2016.

In 1866, the residents of Berks County found a need for school teachers while the nation as a whole recovered from the Civil War and sought to prepare itself for a new era. Residents solved their shortage by establishing the Keystone State Normal School.

Over time, advancing industries and professions required students to be trained more broadly, with education covering a diverse range of studies. In order to rise to the occasion, the school grew in size and sophistication, eventually changing its name to Kutztown State Teacher's College in 1928, and later becoming Kutztown State College in 1960.

Today, Kutztown, which achieved university status in 1983, is comprised of four colleges, including Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Performing Arts. The university enrolls approximately 9,000 students from forty states and nations. In addition to providing an outstanding education, Kutztown also offers students the opportunity to participate in vibrant cultural and social events and to compete in athletics at the varsity, club, and intramural levels.

It is my honor to congratulate the students, staff, faculty, and over 72,500 Kutztown Alumni as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. May they enjoy continued success in educating the minds of our future leaders and integral members of society.

#### HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WINE SPECTATOR

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wine Spectator, which this year celebrates its 40th anniversary and marks four decades of success and dedication to excellence.

Wine Spectator was first published by Bob Morrissey in 1976 as a tabloid newspaper to educate and entertain wine consumers. Marvin R. Shanken, a publisher and wine aficionado, saw great potential in the publication and, at Morrissey's request, acquired it in 1979. Mr. Shanken and Executive Editor Thomas Matthews have since transformed Wine Spectator into an institution that informs and connects our international wine community.

Wine Spectator editors provide authoritative buying advice, reviewing nearly 20,000 wines each year in independent blind tastings. The magazine puts wine in context, profiling vintners and regions, analyzing vintages and market trends as well as offering travel and dining guides. Wine Spectator has received critical acclaim for its excellent work informing wine consumers. It has been named a finalist in the National Magazine Awards Special Interest category and a top 5 best consumer magazines. Today, Wine Spectator is the most widely read wine publication in the world with a circulation of 400,000 and a global readership of 3.5 million people.

Since 1981, Wine Spectator has also hosted the Wine Experience, a weekend of tastings and seminars which concludes with a Grand Award Banquet honoring top restaurants in 50 states and 70 countries on their excellent wine lists. The event funds the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation, which has raised more than \$20 million to support organizations that invest in the future of our wine community including the University of California at Davis, Sonoma State University, the Culinary Institute of America, and the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Florida International University. Since 1982, Wine Spectator has also honored 34 individuals with its Distinguished Service Award for their contributions to our wine community.

Mr. Speaker, this American institution has been a trusted source for wine consumers for 40 years by maintaining its commitment to integrity and expertise. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Wine Spectator and its visionary leader, Marvin R. Shanken, here today.

#### RECOGNIZING BRIE OAKLEY

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brie Oakley for her first place finish in the Colorado 5A Girls' State Championship Cross Country Meet on October 29th, 2016. She has shown dedication and excellence throughout her cross country career, which has brought her to the pinnacle of high school athletics, a state champion.

A Grandview High School Huskies senior, Oakley finished with a time of 17 minutes and 7.83 seconds, smashing the course record at the Norris Penrose Equestrian Center in Colorado Springs by over a minute. I am proud to report that Oakley has become the first girls cross country state champion from Grandview High School.

I would also like to congratulate Grandview coach Allyson Robbins and the teachers and staff of Grandview High School, whom have made Oakley's success possible. Their mentorship and guidance played an important role in her ability to succeed at the highest level of high school athletics.

I am proud to congratulate Brie Oakley on her hard earned state championship and for being a positive role model for other students in Colorado's 6th congressional district.

#### HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRYAN

#### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas.

Since its founding on November 18, 1866, thousands of families have called First Baptist Bryan home.

During the early years of the church, services were held in an abandoned saloon under the leadership of Rev. William Bartlett Eaves. The church would begin to grow larger and in 1883 a frame building was erected as a permanent place of worship. As the congregation continued to grow, bigger facilities were built to meet the needs of the church family for the next century. The church would also begin to expand its mission and focus on preaching the Gospel to the students of Texas A&M University. A strong bond was created between the church and the student community that still stands today.

As more families and students joined the church, the importance of Sunday School began to emerge. Pastor John Held began to spread the teaching ministry beyond the church walls by organizing a successful Christ-focused men's Bible Study.

Throughout the years, the church family has never lost sight of its commitment to fellowship, discipleship, worship, ministry, and evangelism. Since its beginning, the church has been involved in numerous mission activities with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Creath Brazos Baptist Association. They have sent missions all across the world including Estonia, Australia, Germany, Zambia, Kenya, and Ghana. First Baptist Bryan has played an important role in planting numerous other churches throughout the area. They have also helped plant the Yurigaoka Baptist Church in Tokyo, Japan.

The success of First Baptist Bryan can be attributed to the outstanding leadership from its Pastors. Since its establishment, 24 Pastors have led the church in worship and growth, each bringing different gifts and abilities to the church family. All of them brought a strong commitment to stewardship, mission,